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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Dozens of Guns Stolen from Cargo Trains

(U) Authorities say dozens of handguns and shotguns were among items stolen by thieves who raided cargo containers aboard trains near downtown. The Los Angeles Times reports police arrested three people last summer carrying new .22-caliber handguns. A trace of the weapons revealed they came from a batch of 36 handguns reported missing as they were being shipped by train to Tennessee. Police say shotguns were also stolen, but it's unclear how many. Thieves had been raiding cargo containers aboard trains nearing downtown for months.

SOURCE: 29 January 2022, [KTLAS](#)

(U) Sacramento – Suspect Arrested in South Sacramento Explosions

(U) Sacramento police said they arrested 23-year-old Cody Tristan Wiggs, who they believe is connected to recent explosions caused by homemade bombs. Officers were in the area of 32nd Street and 20th Avenue, where the night before police said a homemade explosive device was detonated inside a vehicle. As they served a search warrant and looked at surveillance footage in the area, police said they found two active pipe bombs and evidence of another detonation at the intersection of 32nd Street and 19th Avenue. Wiggs faces a felony charge on suspicion of possessing a destructive device or explosive in a public place, as well as a misdemeanor.

SOURCE: 31 January 2022, [Fox40](#)

(U) Stockton – Firefighter Responding to Call in Stockton Shot and Killed, Suspect in Custody

(U) A firefighter was shot and killed while responding to a call in Stockton early Monday morning. At this time, it is unclear what events led up to the shooting, but a source confirmed that a 20-year veteran of the fire department was shot and killed. Stockton police has confirmed that a firefighter was taken to the hospital but would not give an update on their condition. A subject has been detained, police say. No other information about the subject has been released at this point and the investigation is ongoing.

SOURCE: 31 January 2022, [CBS 13](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Kansas – Man Charged with Threatening to Kill Biden, Blames God

(U) Independence – A Kansas man was charged with threatening to assassinate President Biden after he told federal agents God ordered him to go to Washington DC to “lop off the head of the serpent in the heart of the nation,” court documents allege. Scott Merryman drove from his hometown of Independence, Kansas, to Hagerstown, Maryland, where he was intercepted by US Secret Service agents in the parking lot of a Cracker Barrel, according to a criminal complaint. Merryman, a construction contractor, allegedly told agents that he was heading to the White House to tell Biden that people were “fed up with the divisiveness in the country and to turn back to God or go to hell.”

SOURCE: 28 January 2022, [New York Post](#)

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(U) Nevada – DEA Seizes 280-Pounds of Meth, Other Narcotics

(U) Las Vegas – Agents working out of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Las Vegas office are revealing details on a large narcotics seizure. The haul was comprised of 280-pounds of methamphetamine, 10-pounds of cocaine, 12-pounds of heroin, and 6-pounds of fentanyl which is enough to produce thousands of counterfeit pills. Cindy Marx, the Acting Assistant Special Agent in Charge in Las Vegas said the destination for some, or all of the seized drugs is unknown.

SOURCE: 28 January 2022, [KSNV](#)

(U) Virginia – Kansas Woman Led All-Female ISIS Battalion, Feds Say

(U) Alexandria – Allison Fluke-Ekren, 42, has been arrested after federal prosecutors charged her with joining the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) and leading an all-female battalion of AK-47 wielding militants. The criminal complaint was filed under seal back in 2019 but made public after Fluke-Ekren was brought back to the US to face charges. Prosecutors say Fluke-Ekren wanted to recruit operatives to attack a college campus in the US and discussed a terrorist attack on a shopping mall. She told one witness that “she considered any attack that did not kill a large number of individuals to be a waste of resources,” according to an FBI affidavit.

SOURCE: 29 January 2022, [WDBJ7](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Finland – Finnish Diplomats’ Mobile Devices Hacked with Spyware

(U) Stockholm – The mobile devices of Finnish diplomats working abroad have been hacked with the use of sophisticated spyware, Finland’s government said, and the Nordic country’s spy chief said a “state actor” was likely to blame. The Finnish Foreign Ministry said the victims were targeted through Pegasus software developed by Israeli spyware company NSO Group. The software can seamlessly infiltrate a mobile phone and allow its operators to gain access to the device’s contents and location history.

SOURCE: 28 January 2022, [AP News](#)

(U) Guatemala – Working with US, Officials Detain 10 People in Raids on Migrant Smugglers

(U) Comitancillo – Guatemalan authorities working with the US Homeland Security agency arrested 10 people in raids against a migrant smuggling group linked to the massacre of 19 people in Mexico last year, Guatemalan officials said. Guatemala's Public Prosecutor's Office said 19 raids were being carried out in the western town of Comitancillo to dismantle the human smuggling network that took the Guatemalan migrants to Mexico. A national police spokesperson said eight men and two women had been detained so far.

SOURCE: 28 January 2022, [Reuters](#)

(U) Tunisia – Police Thwarts Alleged Terrorist Attack Targeting Tourist Areas

(U) Tunis – Tunisian police thwarted an attack planned by a woman coming from Syria, where she received training "with terrorist groups," targeting tourist areas in the country, the interior ministry said. It added that the woman, who was planning attacks with an explosive belt, was imprisoned. The ministry said the woman returned to Tunisia from Syria via Turkey on 10 January after spending a year of training in Syria, where she planned the attack.

SOURCE: 28 January 2022, [US News](#)

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